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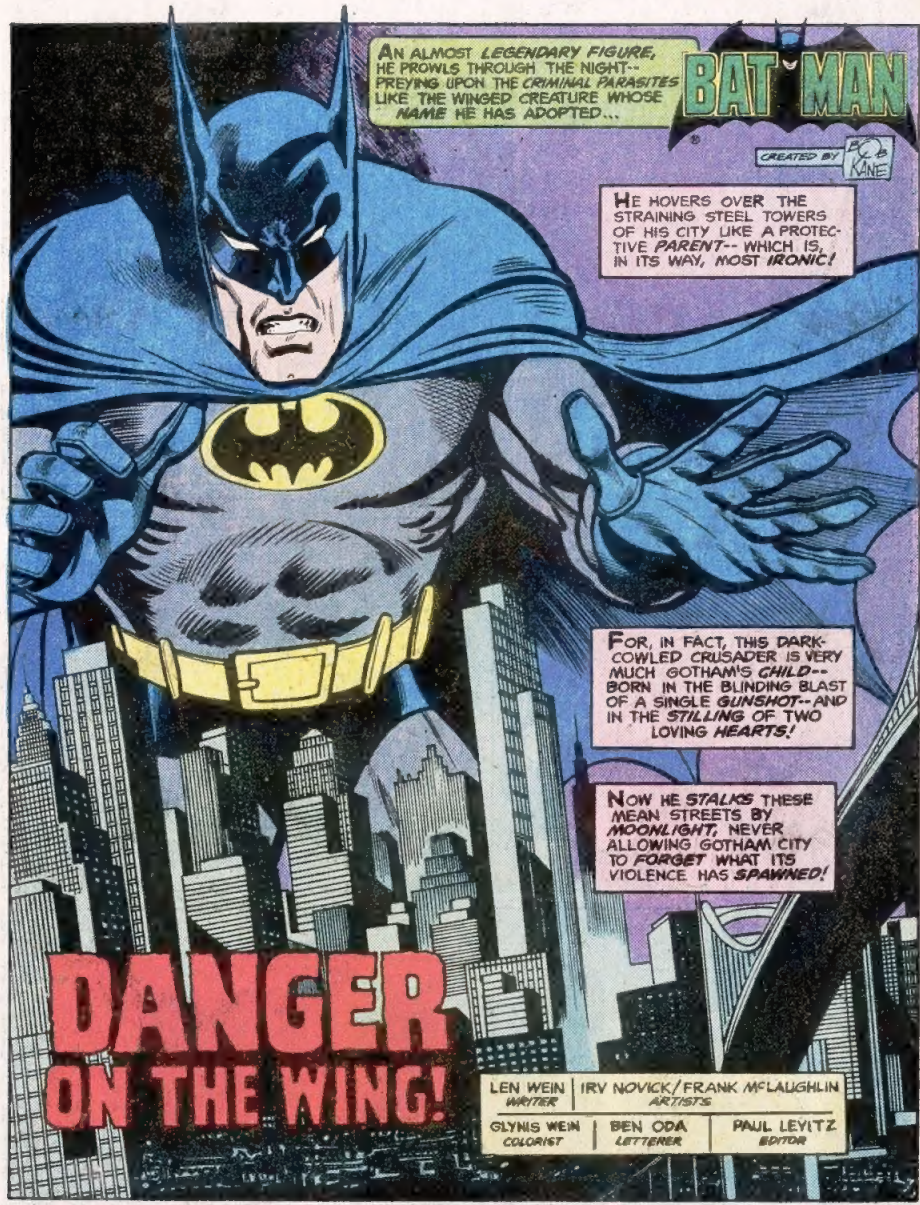
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COMING THIS CHRISTMAS TO A THEATRE NEAR YOU.



AN ALMOST LEGENDARY FIGURE,
HE PROWLS THROUGH THE NIGHT--
PREYING UPON THE CRIMINAL PARASITES
LIKE THE WINGED CREATURE WHOSE
NAME HE HAS ADOPTED...

BAT MAN

CREATED BY **BOB KANE**

HE HOVERS OVER THE
STRAINING STEEL TOWERS
OF HIS CITY LIKE A PROTECTIVE
PARENT-- WHICH IS,
IN ITS WAY, MOST IRONIC!

FOR, IN FACT, THIS DARK-
COWLED CRUSADER IS VERY
MUCH GOTHAM'S CHILD--
BORN IN THE BLINDING BLAST
OF A SINGLE GUNSHOT--AND
IN THE STILLING OF TWO
LOVING HEARTS!

NOW HE STALKS THESE
MEAN STREETS BY
MOONLIGHT, NEVER
ALLOWING GOTHAM CITY
TO FORGET WHAT ITS
VIOLENCE HAS SPAWNED!

**DANGER
ON THE WING!**

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THE SCENE IS **GOTHAM CITY HALL!**
WHERE PLASTIC BUILDINGS RISE IN
MICROCOSM...

...AND DEATH LOOMS AS LARGE AS EVER!

MODEL OF
GOTHAM CITY



BUT EVEN AS FINELY-
HONED STEEL SLASHES
THROUGH THE SHADOWS...

HUH...?!



WH-WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
TO ME--?



THE BATMAN DOES NOT
ANSWER, WHICH IS
PROBABLY JUST AS WELL...

...SINCE HIS FIRSTWILE ASSAILANT CAN
NO LONGER HEAR HIM ANYWAY!



THAT'S ONE--
AND HERE'S
NUMBER
TWO!

MAYBE YOU
TOOK ARNIE,
BATS--BUT YOU
AIN'T NEVER
TAKIN' ME!



I'M FASTER
THAN ARNIE--TOUGHER
THAN HIM TOO!

COME AN' GET ME, HERO--
SO'S MY NUNCHAKU CAN BUST
YOUR POINTY HEAD WIDE OPEN!



THAT'S THE
SECOND TIME
THIS MONTH
SOMEBODY'S
THREATENED
ME WITH ONE
OF THOSE--

--AND I'M GETTING GOOD
AND TIRED OF IT!

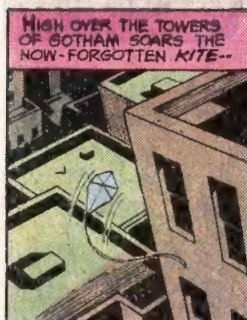


WHEN I'M FINISHED, LITTLE
MAN! I SAW THREE OF YOU
PUNKS BREAK IN HERE!
WHERE'S THE THIRD?



H-HE'S UP ON
THE ROOF!

WH-WHY
DON'T YOU
GO PICK
ON HIM?



MORNING DAWNS
GOLDEN OVER
GOTHAM, STREAKED
WITH RIBBONS OF
VIOLET AND
ROSE--

--BUT TOP WAYNE ENTERPRISES
EXECUTIVE LUCIUS FOX HARDLY
NOTICES MOTHER NATURE'S
MAJESTY AS HE STEPS FROM HIS
MIDTOWN APARTMENT HOUSE...

HE IS A MAN WITH
MORE PRESSING
MATTERS ON HIS
MIND!

NOT A
CAB IN
SIGHT!

THE WAY
MY LUCK
HAS BEEN
RUNNING--
IT FIGURES!

MIGHT AS WELL WALK TO WORK! MAYBE
THE EXERCISE WILL HELP CLEAR MY HEAD--
SO I CAN FIGURE OUT SOME WAY TO MAKE
PEACE WITH MY SON TIMOTHY!

I'M CONVINCED THOSE TWO ODDBALLS
HE CALLS FRIENDS WILL RUIN TIM'S
COLLEGE CAREER UNLESS
I CAN--EH?

LORD-- NO!
IT'S HIM
AGAIN!

THIS IS THE THIRD
TIME IN AS MANY
DAYS I'VE NOTICED
HIM FOLLOWING
ME!

I DON'T KNOW
WHO HE IS OR
WHAT HE WANTS
FROM ME--

--BUT I THINK IT'S
TIME I FOUND OUT!

WHAT--?!!

CLOAK-AND-
DAGGER TIME
IS OVER,
FRIEND!

YOU'RE GOING
TO TALK
TO ME--
AND I MEAN
NOW!

THAT,
MY DEAR
SIR, IS
PRECISELY MY
INTENTION--

--BUT I WOULD MUCH
RATHER DO SO ON
MORE EQUAL
TERMS!

UUNIFF!!

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PLEASE *FORGIVE* MY VIOLENT ACTIONS, MISTER FOX--BUT YOU LEFT ME LITTLE *CHOICE*!

JUST WHO IN BLAZES ARE YOU, MISTER?



PERMIT ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF THEN! MY NAME IS-- *KARLYL KRUGERRAND!*

IS THAT SUPPOSED TO *MEAN* SOMETHING TO ME?



I HAD RATHER *HOPED* IT WOULD! I AM THE CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO MISTER *GREGORIAN FALSTAFF!*

FALSTAFF???

BUT HE'S BRUCE WAYNE'S BIGGEST *BUSINESS RIVAL!*



INDEED HE IS-- BUT HE IS ALSO A MAN WHO RECOGNIZES *ABILITY* WHEN HE SEES IT!

MISTER FALSTAFF-- WOULD BE *HONORED* IF YOU WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM AT THIS *NUMBER* AT YOUR EARLIEST POSSIBLE *CONVENIENCE!*

WHY? WHAT'S HE AFTER?



I BELIEVE MISTER FALSTAFF HAS A MOST INTRIGUING OFFER TO MAKE YOU, SIR-- I REALLY KNOW VERY LITTLE *MORE!*

SHALL I TELL MISTER FALSTAFF YOU WILL BE *CALLING* HIM?

WELL, I... I...



EASY NOW, LUCIUS-- THIS COULD BE A *GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY!* YOU DON'T HAVE TO *BUY* WHATEVER FALSTAFF'S *SELLING--*

-- BUT YOU MIGHT *LEARN* SOMETHING THAT'LL HELP GIVE BRUCE WAYNE AN *EDGE!*



YES, KRUGERRAND-- YOU CAN TELL YOUR BOSS I'LL *CONTACT* HIM WHEN I'M *READY!*

SPLENDID, SIR! THEN WE SHALL BE EXPECTING TO *HEAR* FROM YOU-- *SOON!*

SHORTLY, AT THE TOWERING HOME OF THE WAYNE FOUNDATION...

BRUCE, I HOPE I'M NOT DISTURBING YOU, BUT I THOUGHT YOU'D WANT TO KNOW ABOUT MY MEETING WITH--

BRUCE WAYNE

--OH.

APPARENTLY, I AM DISTURBING YOU. I'LL COME BACK LATER!

ACTUALLY, LUCIUS--YOU MIGHT AS WELL STAY!

I'M SURE YOU KNOW ALL THESE GENTLEMEN--ESPECIALLY CITY COMMISSIONER ARTHUR REEVES HERE!

WE'RE BUSY DISCUSSING TRANS-ATLANTIC AIRWAYS' ANNOUNCED PLANS TO MOVE OUT OF GOTHAM CITY!

DISCUSSING ISN'T ENOUGH, WAYNE--WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING TO STOP THEM!

ARTHUR IS RIGHT, BRUCE!

THIS IS ALL GREGORIAN FALSTAFF'S FAULT--HE OWNS THE CONTROLLING INTEREST IN TRANS-ATLANTIC!

IF TAA MOVES ITS MAIN OFFICES ELSEWHERE, IT'LL MEAN THE END OF COUNTLESS JOBS HERE!

GOOD OLD GREGORIAN FALSTAFF AGAIN! IS THERE A PIE IN THIS TOWN THAT MAN DOESN'T HAVE A FINGER IN?

MAYBE I SHOULD FORGET ABOUT THAT MEETING BEFORE--

ANYTHING WRONG, LUCIUS?

UH--NO, BRUCE! I WAS JUST--AH--THINKING ABOUT TAA!

I'M AFRAID LUCIUS IS CORRECT, GENTLEMEN! TRANS-ATLANTIC IS COMMITTED TO LEAVING GOTHAM--

--IN FACT, THEIR FINAL PAYROLL IS COMING THROUGH TODAY--

--AND ALL WE CAN DO IS TRY TO PREVENT SUCH THINGS HAPPENING AGAIN!

YOU HAVE MY FULL SUPPORT, GENTLEMEN--GOOD LUCK!

IT'S FALSTAFF WHO'S GOING TO NEED THE LUCK, WAYNE! BEFORE I'M DONE, I'LL HAVE HIS HEAD--

--ALONG WITH THE HEADS OF ANYONE WHO BACKS HIM!

SEEMS TO ME IT'S REALLY TOO LATE TO DO ANYTHING!

AND WHEN THE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO BETTER GOTHAM'S BUSINESS HAS DEPARTED...

THANKS FOR STAYING, LUCIUS--REEVES SPEW OUT ENOUGH HOT AIR TO TAKE THE CREASE OUT OF MY SUIT!

NOW WHAT WAS IT YOU THOUGHT I'D WANT TO KNOW?

OH, IT WAS --UH-- NOTHING, BRUCE!

NOTHING VERY IMPORTANT...

...NOT NOW!

I COULDN'T TELL BRUCE ABOUT FALSTAFF'S OFFER--ESPECIALLY AFTER I HEARD REEVES THREATEN TO CRUCIFY ANYONE HE CATCHES PLAYING FOOTIE WITH THE MAN!

NO, IF I'M GOING TO DIVE HEAD FIRST INTO HOT WATER--I'M GOING TO DO IT ALONE!

HIS DECISION MADE, LUCIUS FOX TURNS AWAY FROM HIS WINDOW-- AND THUS, HE DOES NOT NOTICE THE GAILY-COLORED KITES HOVERING HIGH ABOVE THE MIDTOWN OFFICES OF TRANS-ATLANTIC AIRWAYS...

...KITES WHICH SUDDENLY EXPLODE, PAINTING THE HAZY SKY IN IRIDESCENT SHADES OF GOLD AND GREEN AND CRIMSON!

HOLY SMOKES!

WILL YA LOOK AT THAT?!!

WITHIN SECONDS, TRAFFIC HAS STOPPED COLD--THE SIDEWALKS ARE JAMMED WITH SPECTATORS--

-- AND EVEN TRANS-ATLANTIC'S CRACK SECURITY STAFF IS LURED OUTSIDE BY THE UNSCHEDULED DISPLAY OF PYROTECHNIC WONDER...

CRIPES!

TAA

WHAT IN--?!!

...WHILE A TRIO OF INNOCUOUSLY-GARBED WORKMEN, EACH CARRYING A HEAVY TOOL-BOX, STEALS INTO THE BUILDING UNSEEN!

WHAT THE HECK'S GOIN' ON UP THERE?

BEATS ME, PAL! THE FOURTH OF JULY AIN'T TILL NEXT MONTH!

TAA

AS IF THEY ACTUALLY *BELONG* THERE, THE COVER-
ALLED FIGURES *SCURRY* ACROSS THE SPACIOUS
LOBBY--

--USING A *LOCKPICK* TO GAIN ENTRANCE TO A
RARELY-USED *UTILITY STAIRWELL*--



LUNCH HOUR IN GOTHAM IS MUCH LIKE
LUNCHTIME IN ANY OTHER CITY WHERE **EIGHT
MILLION PEOPLE** ATTEMPT TO SQUEEZE
INTO **SIX MILLION COUNTER SPACES**
SIMULTANEOUSLY...

...AND FOR **MILLIONAIRE BRUCE WAYNE**,
IT'S ABOUT TO GET **WORSE!**

SORRY
I'M LATE,
SELINA!

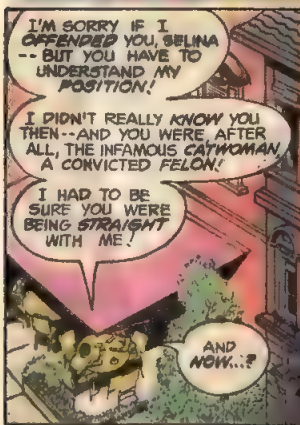
THAT'S NOT ALL YOU
HAVE TO BE SORRY
FOR, MISTER!



I'M SORRY IF I
OFFENDED YOU, SELINA
-- BUT YOU HAVE TO
UNDERSTAND MY
POSITION!

I DIDN'T REALLY KNOW YOU
THEN -- AND YOU WERE, AFTER
ALL, THE INFAMOUS CATWOMAN
'A CONVICTED FELON!

I HAD TO BE
SURE YOU WERE
BEING STRAIGHT
WITH ME!



AND
NOW...?

NOW I'M SORRY
I EVER
BOTHERED!

YOU'RE NOTHING
LIKE YOU
ONCE WERE,
MS. KYLE!

OH?



I
WOULDN'T BE TOO
SURE OF
THAT,
WISE GUY!

SPLASH!



--WERE INSTANTS BEFORE THE CONFUSED SECURITY
GUARDS RETURN TO THEIR WORK...

ANY
IDEA
WHAT
THAT
WAS ALL
ABOUT?

MAYBE A
PUBLICITY
GIMMICK--
TO PROMOTE
A LITTLE
GOOD
WILL?

YEAH, TRANS-ATLANTIC
AIN'T EXACTLY THE
MOST POPULAR OUTFIT
IN TOWN THESE DAYS!

JUST WISH
THEY'D TELL
US ABOUT THESE
THINGS, THOUGH!

CLICK!

IT'D SAVE US ALL
A LOT OF TROUBLE!

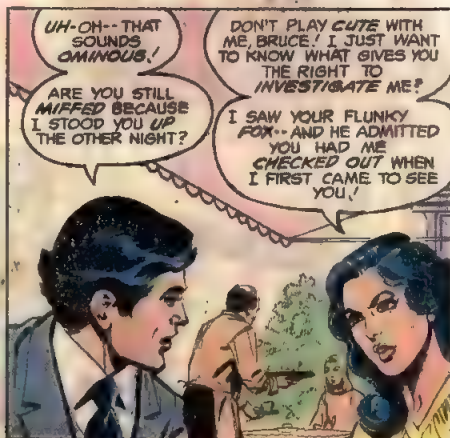


UH-OH-- THAT
SOUNDS
OMINOUS!

ARE YOU STILL
MIFFED BECAUSE
I STOOD YOU UP
THE OTHER NIGHT?

DON'T PLAY CUTE WITH
ME, BRUCE! I JUST WANT
TO KNOW WHAT GIVES YOU
THE RIGHT TO
INVESTIGATE ME?

I SAW YOUR FLUNKY
FOX-- AND HE ADMITTED
YOU HAD ME
CHECKED OUT WHEN
I FIRST CAME TO SEE
YOU!



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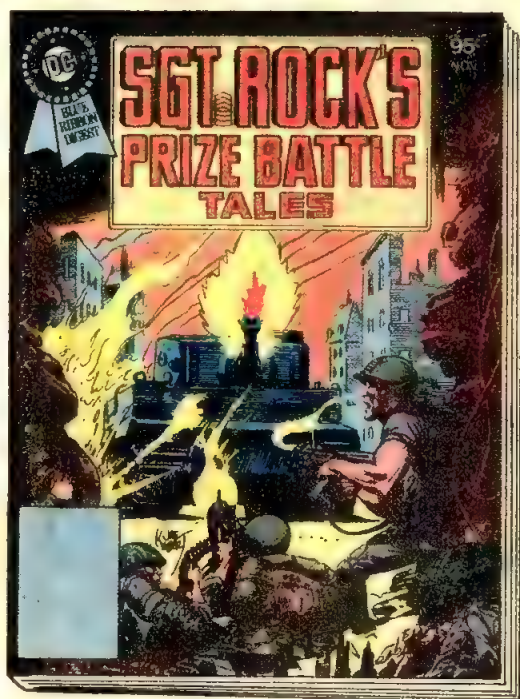
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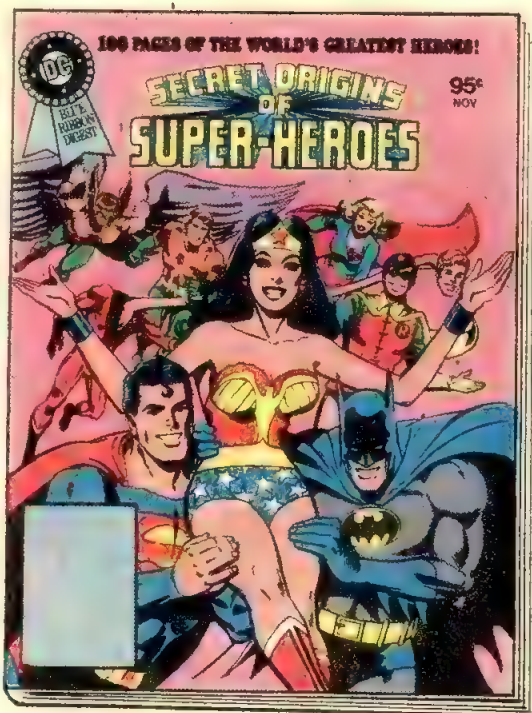
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I MAY NOT BE THE CATWOMAN ANY LONGER, MISTER--

--BUT SELINA KYLE STILL KNOWS HOW TO USE HER CLAWS!

SELINA?



SELINA-- WAIT!

WE CAN TALK ABOUT THIS!

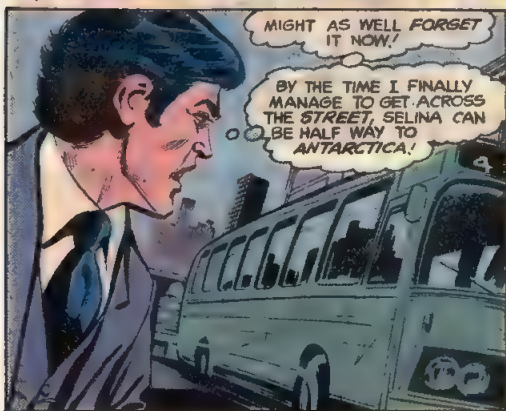
I'M SORRY, BRUCE--BUT THERE'S NOTHING MORE TO SAY!



HAVE TO CATCH UP TO HER--TRY TO CALM HER DOWN BEFORE--BLAST!

THE LOUSY LIGHT HAS CHANGED--!

TRAFFIC IS CUTTING ME OFF--!



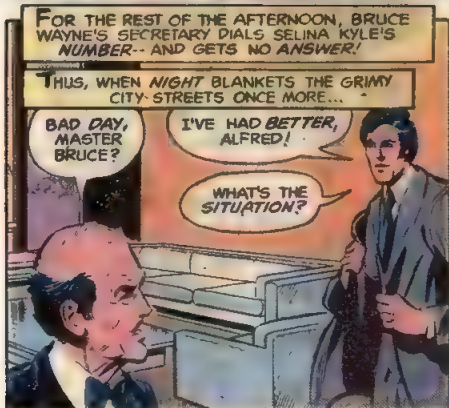
MIGHT AS WELL FORGET IT NOW!

BY THE TIME I FINALLY MANAGE TO GET ACROSS THE STREET, SELINA CAN BE HALF WAY TO ANTARCTICA!



I'LL JUST HAVE TO CALL HER--TRY TO APOLOGIZE--

--BEFORE SHE DOES SOMETHING WE'LL BOTH REGRET!



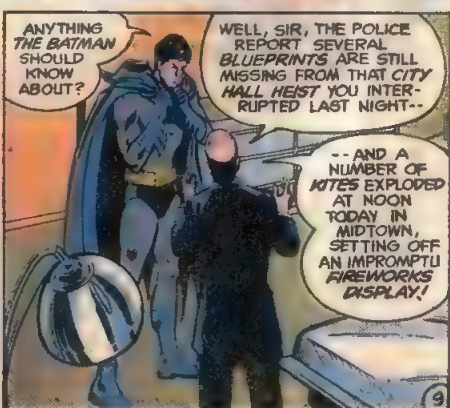
FOR THE REST OF THE AFTERNOON, BRUCE WAYNE'S SECRETARY DIALS SELINA KYLE'S NUMBER-- AND GETS NO ANSWER!

THUS, WHEN NIGHT BLANKETS THE GRIMY CITY-STREETS ONCE MORE...

BAD DAY, MASTER BRUCE?

I'VE HAD BETTER, ALFRED!

WHAT'S THE SITUATION?



ANYTHING THE BATMAN SHOULD KNOW ABOUT?

WELL, SIR, THE POLICE REPORT SEVERAL BLUEPRINTS ARE STILL MISSING FROM THAT CITY HALL HEIST YOU INTERRUPTED LAST NIGHT--

--AND A NUMBER OF KITES EXPLODED AT NOON TODAY IN MIDTOWN, SETTING OFF AN IMPROMPTU FIREWORKS DISPLAY!

THE DARKKNIGHT DETECTIVE IS SILENT AS A HIDDEN ELEVATOR DESCENDS INTO THE CAVERNOUS BATCAVE. THEN...

WELL, AT LEAST NOW WE KNOW WHO WE'RE UP AGAINST-- AND I THINK I KNOW WHAT HE'S AFTER!

ALFRED, WHAT TIME IS THAT TRANS-ATLANTIC AIRWAYS PAYROLL BEING DELIVERED TONIGHT?

UNLESS I'M MISTAKEN, SIR--THE SPECIAL HELICOPTER THEY'RE USING SHOULD ALREADY BE AIRBORNE!

THEN YOU'D BETTER WISH ME LUCK, OLD FRIEND!

I'M GOING TO NEED IT IF I INTEND TO CATCH THE KITE-MAN BEFORE HE CAN FLY FREE!

LIKE SOME SOMBER BLACK SHADOW, THE SLEEK BATMOBILE HURTLES ALONG THE TWISTING STREETS OF GOTHAM--

--RUNNING A DESPERATE RACE AGAINST TIME--

--A RACE THAT MAY ALREADY BE LOST!

RRRINGG

A BURGLAR ALARM--!

SOMEONE BROKE INTO THAT JEWELRY STORE-- AND RECENTLY!

ANY OTHER TIME I'D STOP AND CHECK IT OUT!

BUT RIGHT NOW, I CAN'T AFFORD TO--

--TO--

AH, WHO THE HECK DO I THINK I'M KIDDING?

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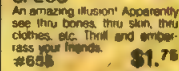
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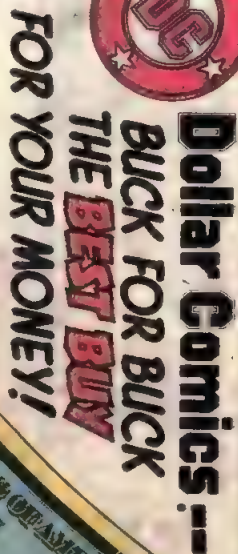
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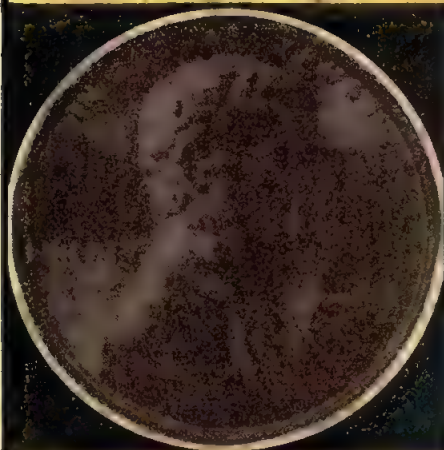
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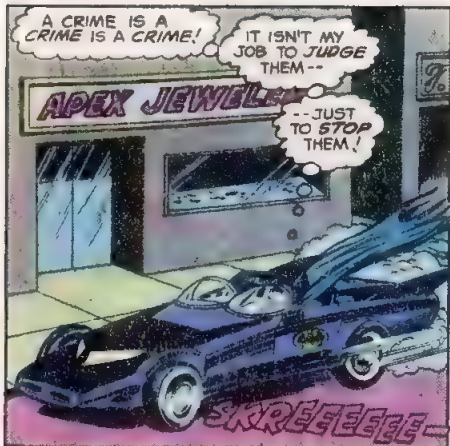
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DEATH, ONLY
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STANDS
BETWEEN
THE EARTH--
AND THAT
PLANET'S
DESTRUCTION!

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STARTLING
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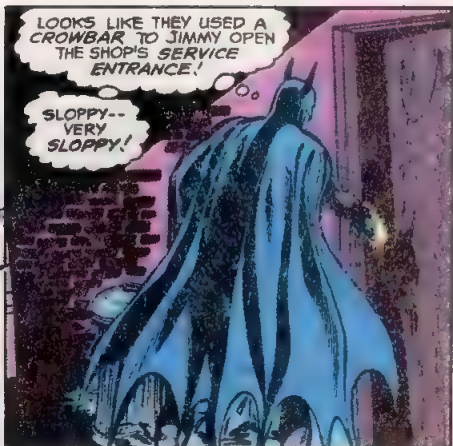
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IT ISN'T MY
JOB TO JUDGE
THEM--

--JUST
TO STOP
THEM!



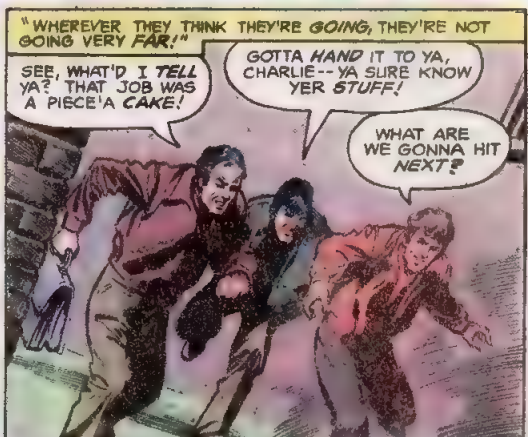
LOOKS LIKE THEY USED A
CROWBAR TO JIMMY OPEN
THE SHOP'S SERVICE
ENTRANCE!

SLOPPY--
VERY
SLOPPY!



AND THEY GET
EVEN SLOPPIER!

THEY'VE LEFT
BEHIND A TRAIL
THAT WOULD'VE
MADE HANSEL
AND GRETEL
PROUD!



"WHEREVER THEY THINK THEY'RE GOING, THEY'RE NOT
GOING VERY FAR!"

SEE, WHAT'D I TELL
YA? THAT JOB WAS
A PIECE 'A CAKE!

GOTTA HAND IT TO YA,
CHARLIE-- YA SURE KNOW
YER STUFF!

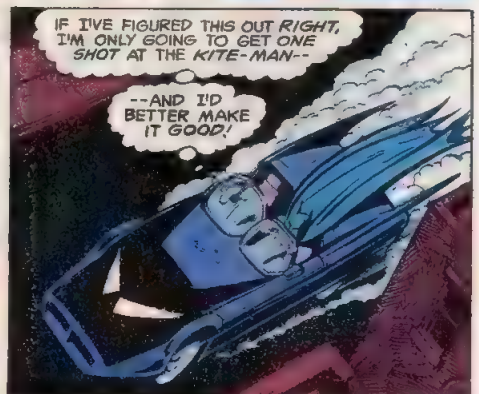
WHAT ARE
WE GONNA HIT
NEXT?



OFFHAND, I'D SAY YOU'LL BE
HITTING THE ROCKPILE--
FOR THE NEXT TEN TO
TWENTY YEARS!

THE B-B-BATMAN?!

CRUI! I
DON'T WANNA
TANGLE WIT'
HIM!



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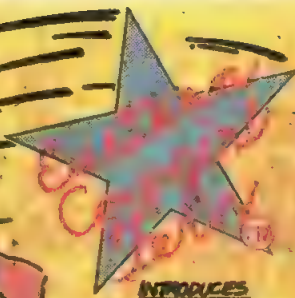
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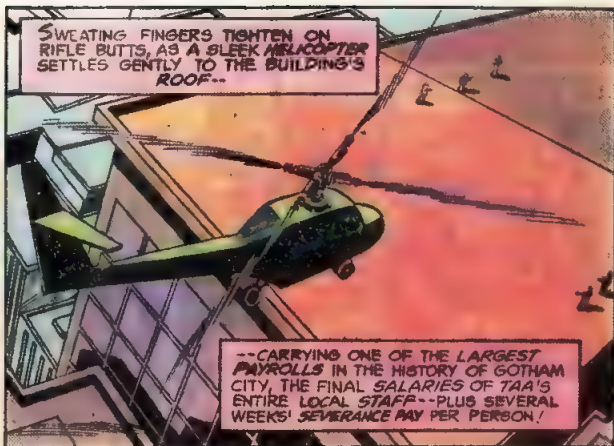
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SWEATING FINGERS TIGHTEN ON RIFLE BUTTS, AS A SLEEK HELICOPTER SETTLES GENTLY TO THE BUILDING'S ROOF--



--CARRYING ONE OF THE LARGEST PAYROLLS IN THE HISTORY OF GOTHAM CITY, THE FINAL SALARIES OF TAA'S ENTIRE LOCAL STAFF--PLUS SEVERAL WEEKS' SEVERANCE PAY PER PERSON!

IT IS A SUPREMELY TEMPTING TARGET FOR ANY THIEF, CERTAINLY--

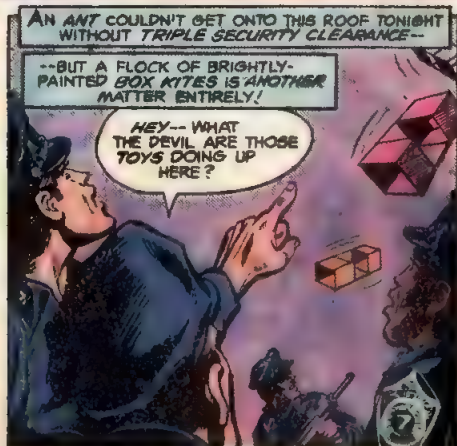


--AND THUS, A TARGET TO BE PROTECTED AT ALL COSTS!

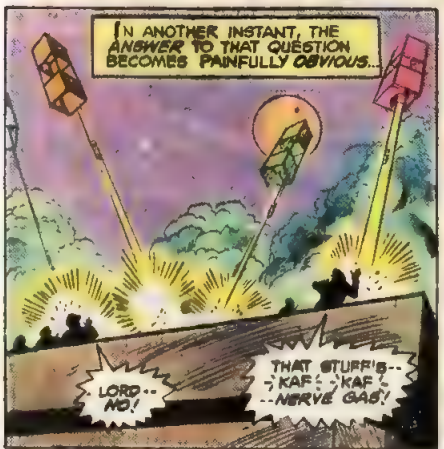
AN ANT COULDN'T GET ONTO THIS ROOF TONIGHT WITHOUT TRIPLE SECURITY CLEARANCE--

--BUT A FLOCK OF BRIGHTLY-PAINTED BOX KITES IS ANOTHER MATTER ENTIRELY!

HEY-- WHAT THE DEVIL ARE THOSE TOYS DOING UP HERE?



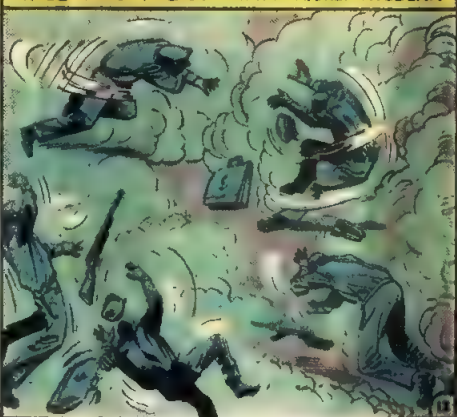
IN ANOTHER INSTANT, THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION BECOMES PAINFULLY OBVIOUS.



LORD-- NO!

THAT STUFF'S--
-KAF--KAF--
--NERVE GAS!

THOSE "TOYS" ARE COMMITTING ARMED ROBBERY!



AND EVEN AS THE HAPLESS SECURITY MEN
TUMBLE UNCONSCIOUS TO THE CONCRETE...

THE WIND IS BLOWING THE NERVE
GAS AWAY--PRECISELY AS PLANNED!

LET'S
MOVE,
MEN--
WE'VE
NO TIME
TO
WASTE!

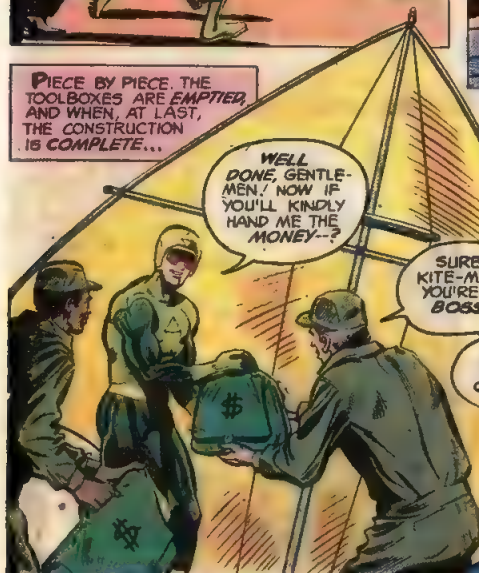


PIECE BY PIECE, THE
TOOLBOXES ARE EMPTIED,
AND WHEN, AT LAST,
THE CONSTRUCTION
IS COMPLETE...

WELL
DONE, GENTLE-
MEN! NOW IF
YOU'LL KINDLY
HAND ME THE
MONEY--?

SURE,
KITE-MAN--
YOU'RE THE
BOSS!

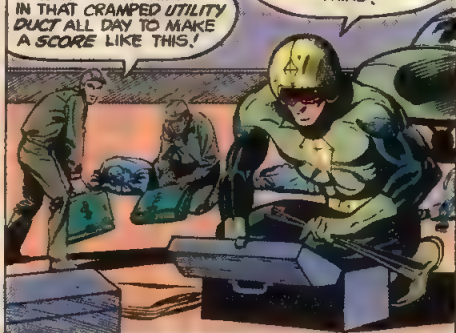
WE JUST
GOT ONE
QUESTION!



WILL YA LOOK AT ALL
THIS LOOT?

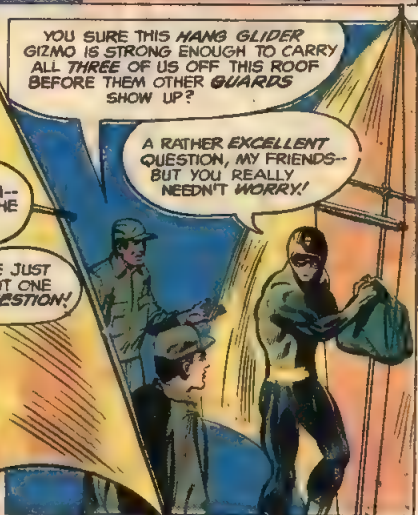
STOP CONGRATULATING
YOURSELVES--AND HELP
ME ASSEMBLE THIS
THING!

IT WAS WORTH HIDIN'
IN THAT CRAMPED UTILITY
DUCT ALL DAY TO MAKE
A SCORE LIKE THIS!



YOU SURE THIS HANG GLIDER
GIZMO IS STRONG ENOUGH TO CARRY
ALL THREE OF US OFF THIS ROOF
BEFORE THE OTHER GUARDS
SHOW UP?

A RATHER EXCELLENT
QUESTION, MY FRIENDS--
BUT YOU REALLY
NEEDN'T WORRY!



YOU SEE, THE HANG GLIDER
WILL ONLY HAVE TO CARRY
ONE OF US!

KITE-MAN--
NO!!

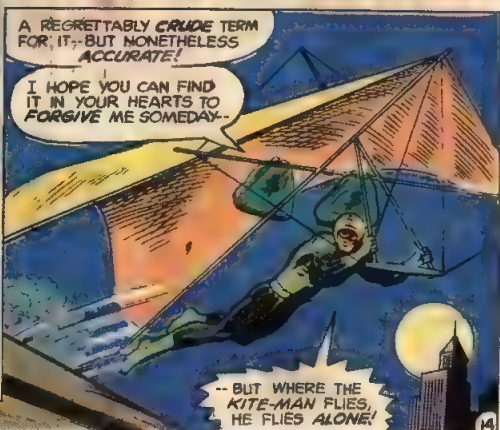
HISSET!

WE BEEN
DOUBLE-CROSSED!



A REGRETTABLY CRUDE TERM
FOR IT--BUT NONETHELESS
ACCURATE!

I HOPE YOU CAN FIND
IT IN YOUR HEARTS TO
FORGIVE ME SOMEDAY--



-- BUT WHERE THE
KITE-MAN FLIES,
HE FLIES ALONE!

HIS GLIDER WINGS CATCHING THE WIND, THE KITE-MAN SOARS HIGH OVER THE YAWNING CONCRETE CANYONS OF GOTHAM CITY--

--A GREAT STREAMLINED BIRD OF PREY, THE UNDISPUTED MASTER OF ALL HE SURVEYS--

--BUT IT IS A TITLE HE DOES NOT HOLD FOR LONG!

THAT SILHOUETTE AGAINST THE MOON--!?!

WHAT IS IT--?!!

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--AND IT LOOKS LIKE MY LONG SHOT PAID OFF!

DON'T KNOW HOW YOU FOUND ME, BATMAN--

--BUT YOU'LL NEVER TAKE ME!

BLAM!

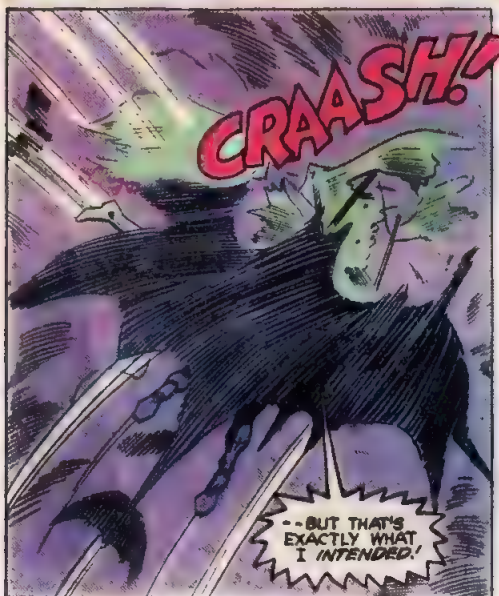
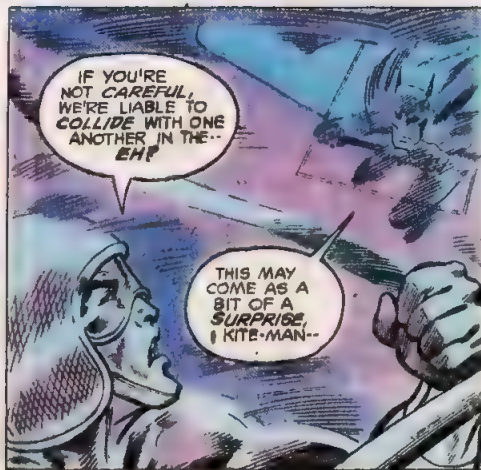
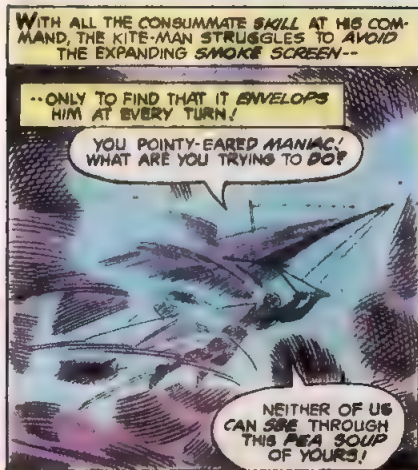
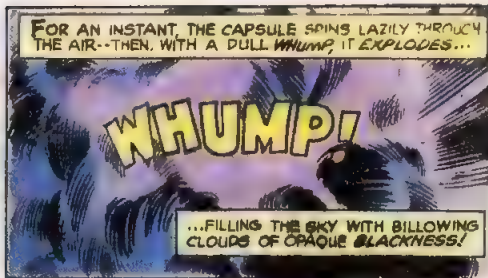
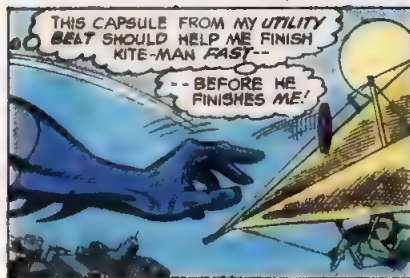
BAM!

OUR LAST ENCOUNTER COST ME YEARS BEHIND BARS--

--AND I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR A CHANCE TO GET EVEN!

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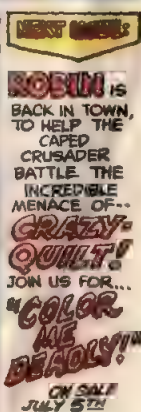
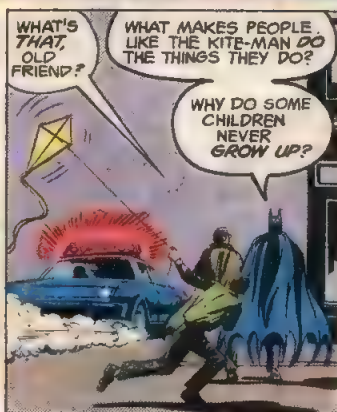
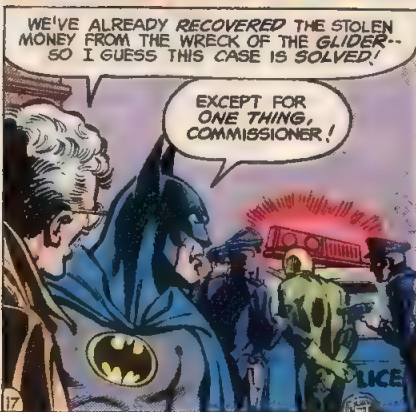
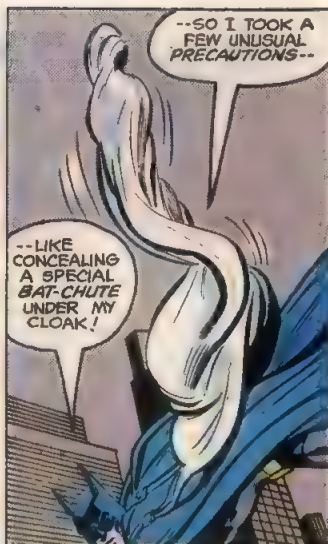
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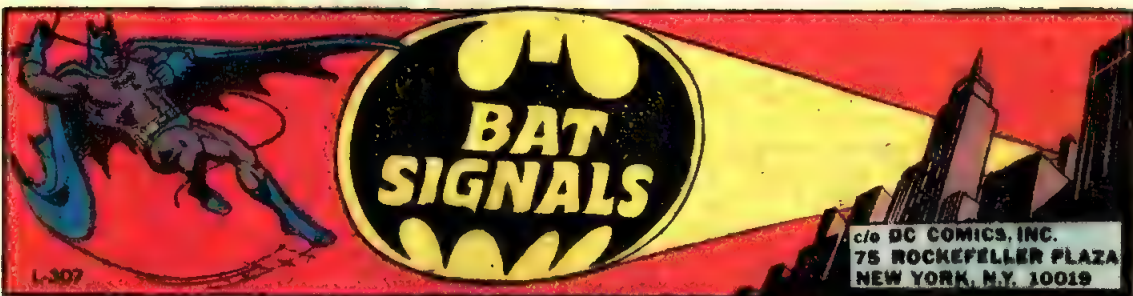
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Dear Editor,

I shuddered a little when Len Wein took over *Batman* from David Reed. For while Wein is an imaginative writer, he is also a longwinded one with a tendency to make every balloon a soliloquy. But he is a reformed character, as the first few issues (concluding with #310) have proved.

Not only has he compacted his style to regular syllable words without losing his ability to plan a story, he has also introduced half-a-dozen subplots into the series. *Batman* always had a strong lack of continuity that sometimes proved annoying, but things are now stronger than ever, wound like a steel coil and ready to spring.

And wherever Irv Novick was hiding, mark the spot so he doesn't get away again. He is without doubt the best of the *Batman* artists, and his return made this issue a double pleasure. You have taken the old villains and the detective story and mixed them better than you have ever done before.

Charles D. Brown
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Good writers tend to suit their styles to the series they're writing, and the Batman's adventures naturally call for a terser delivery than, say, The Phantom Stranger, which Len has also done. So the change that struck you as such as a pleasant surprise was one we expected.

As for the sub-plot question, we're enthralled by the stories lurking behind the characters recently introduced in both BATMAN and DETECTIVE, and plan to follow both up in the months to come. That's the kind of continuity which was the reason we were given the whole Batman group of titles, and we aim to prove it was sound reasoning.—PL.

Dear Gothamites,

I'm certainly glad to see one of my favorite villains, the Gentleman Ghost, back in *BATMAN* #310. The Ghost fits *Batman*'s midnight world better than Hawkman's world of the ancient and futuristic mixed together, although now the Ghost has no one to do his ladies' man act with, as he did with Hawkgirl.

But *Batman*'s refusal to believe the Ghost is what he claims to be is less credible than Hawkman's. Both heroes know about Deadman and the Spectre, and *Batman* has encountered quite a few ghosts in his time. So why does he refuse to believe the Gentleman is a ghost, too? If he's not, how could he possibly pull off all these tricks? How could he control Alfred?

Moreover, it's hard to sympathize with the hero's confusion about the Ghost when, we, the readers, know positively that he is a spirit. We were given his story by an omniscient narrator (who wouldn't lie to us, right?) back in the first GG story, and nothing we've seen indicates that he isn't in fact a ghost. If he isn't, why does he claim he is when he's along with his mind-slave, Alfred, or with the woman psychic who once befriended him?

BATMAN #310 was an enjoyable issue, and certainly many steps above last issue's Blockbuster atrocity, which contained so much saccharine it should've been banned by the Food and Drug Administration. But the Ghost story could have been better, and I'm sorry it wasn't.

Peter Sanderson
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Looking back over our time-worn archives to the first modern Gentleman Ghost story, we find no proof that the spirit of Gentleman Jim Craddock is indeed the criminal known as the Gentleman Ghost. As we read it, there's plenty of room for interpretation to prove it true, or false, as you will—and as the end caption of that story implies. Infer what you will, we're not telling—and as is obvious from his conduct, the Ghost has already decided what his story is.

*Your other objections, curiously enough, are similar to some raised by editor emeritus Julie Schwartz when he took a friendly look over our shoulder at the final copy. Our best defense is that *Batman* is still a man firmly rooted in the real world, and uncomfortable with anything—or anyone—seemingly beyond his understanding. His justice-oriented mind can easily relate to Deadman and the Spectre, but he lacks even basic knowledge of why the Ghost's existence might be permitted.—PL.*

Dear Editor,

It was probably his seven year tenure drawing the Flash which accounted for the noticeable lack of starch so evident in his past *Batman* pencils, but Irv Novick's return in issue #310 turned my apprehension into solid enjoyment of a crisp storytelling too long absent from these pages with the untimely departure of Ernie Chan!

The atmosphere was somber and moody and the Gentleman Ghost seemed to bask in each scene with all the conceit of Claude Rains at his finest, which made the novelty of his scheme to refurbish Wayne Manor in a decor a century or two removed even more entrancing.

Gentleman Ghost seems to be a bit too supernatural for the Caped Crusader, but I think that last panel deserves a sequel, don't you?

Now, if you can think of any more Hawkman foes for *Batman*, we might see some more wonderful Joe Kubert covers.

Jeffrey Lowndes
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We're not waiting for more "excuses" to get Kubert on the cover. Two covers are already in our drawer for future issues, done in the fashion that once dominated both comics and pulp writing: the covers were plotted and designed before the tales that will now be written around them. At least one of the two is sure to appear by the end of the year.—PL.

UNABASHED PLUG DEPARTMENT: If you get to your newsstand quickly, you might still find a copy of *DETECTIVE COMICS* #485 on sale, and get in on the beginning of the *Batman*'s deadliest quest. It's the opening gambit in the war of the League of Assassins, and the price of admission is the death of a member of the *Batman* Family. Be there for "The Vengeance Vow" (and our other full-length stories, of course).

And NEXT MONTH, in this magazine, Robin rejoins *Batman* in a different sort of story. On the one hand, it's a very human dilemma of people in trouble—and on the other, the return of one of the bizzarrest villains ever to appear on the four color page. Join us in thirty days for Crazy Quilt's comeback in "Color Me Deadly".—Paul Levitz.

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parents?—John Wardlow. A: Partially with super-memory, and partially with the aid of a memory-restoring mind-prober he used as *Superboy* (seen again recently in an issue of *SUPERMAN FAMILY*).

Q: Will there ever be an ultimate Bat-team-up featuring *Batman*, *Robin*, *Batgirl*, *Batwoman*, *Bat-Girl*, *Batmite*, *Man-Bat*, the *Earth-2 Batman* and *Robin*, and the *Huntress*?—Ken Rankine. A: If there is, I feel sorry for the writer and artists!



Q: I think the Answer Man column is useless! The answers to most of the questions are obvious to us long-time readers. Try to print questions that most of us don't know the answers to.—Jack Williams. A: The answers to the questions may be obvious to you "long-time readers", but they've all been sent in by readers who don't know the answers! If you're looking for answers to questions you don't know the answers to, why not send in those questions? We try to answer everybody's question eventually!

Q: What kind of gimmicks does *Batman* have in his utility belt?—Adam Katz. A: Among other things, there is the batrope, the batarang, various gas pellets, a mini-laser, a miniature gas mask, batcuffs, and an assortment of chemicals for making tests at the scene of a crime.

Q: Have *Wonder Woman* and *Green Lantern* ever had a fight?—Bobby Galvan. A: Not that we know of.

Q: If *Superman* was a baby when he came to Earth, how can he remember his

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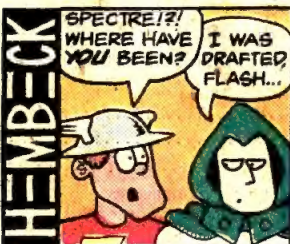
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